1	2	3
Orissa	Nil	Nil
West Bengal	0.83 MU to LT	Nil

NOTE:— Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts" load shedding/restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement.

Implementation of RGGVY in Bihar

†1030. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in Bihar as on date;

(b) the targets achieved, so far, under the scheme for electrification of the targeted villages and what has been the physical and financial position as to the total cost incurred on the said scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Madhubani district is the most neglected district covered under this scheme and the areas, falling under Khutonna, Lookaha, Ghoghardiha and Phulparas Blocks and several villages like Sudyahi and Ghoonsahi, etc. have not been included in this scheme at any stage so far; and

(d) if so, what are the details in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Bihar Government has submitted 44 DPRs covering electrification of 14195 un-electrified villages, re-electrification of 10508 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 6069 electrified villages with an outlay of Rs. 3345.68 crore.

(b) The implementing agencies have reported that electrification works in 12104 un-electrified villages (commulatively) have been carried out as on 15th February, 2008. They have also reported release of 66799 rural household connections, including 52817 BPL household connections in Bihar under RGGVY. Bihar State so far (as on 25th February, 2008) have availed Rs. 1288.23 crore under RGGVY.

(c) and (d) NHPC, the implementing agency of RGGVY project in Madhubani district, with concurrence of Bihar Government, has submitted two DPRs, one covering electrification of 16 un-electrified villages and re-electrification of 310 de-electrified villages under "Accelerated Electrification of One Lakh Villages and One Crore Households" which now stands merged with RGGVY. This project was sanctioned in March 2005.

Subsequently, NHPC has submitted supplementary DPR of Madhubani district covering electrification of 221 un-electrified villages, re-electrification of 27 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 459 already electrified villages which is yet to be approved.

Out of the four blocks, three blocks namely Lookana, Ghoghardiha and Phulparas find coverage in both the DPRs whereas Khutonna is not appearing in either of the DPRs.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

However, village Khutonna with census code No. 0040200 has been covered in the supplementary DPR of Madhubani district.

Sudyahi and Ghoonsahi villages have also not been covered in both these DPRs.

Autonomy to NTPC

1031. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give more powers to NTPC, to enable it compete with private sector corporate projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which additional financial powers would increase responsibility and accountability of NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) NTPC Ltd. is a Navaratna Public Sector Undertaking which has been granted enhanced autonomy as per Navaratna guidelines. According to the existing delegation of powers applicable to Navaratna Companies, the ceiling on equity investment to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries in India or abroad shall be 15% of the net worth of the Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) in one project limited to Rs. 1000 crore and the overall ceiling on such investment in all projects put together shall be 30% of the net worth of the PSE. Government of India in November, 2006 had granted waiver of ceiling of Rs. 1000 crore for equity investment by NTPC Ltd. to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries for the purpose of participating in the bidding of Ultra Mega Projects subject to the implementation of maximum of two projects.

(c) In the changing power sector scenario which is going through a massive expansion phase, NTPC Limited has to resort to the joint venture model for many of its projects to contribute to a substantial share of power generation in the country. The enhanced/additional financial delegated powers would further consolidate NTPC's position as the leading thermal power generation company in India and abroad. The responsibility and accountability of NTPC will also increase to the extent of the actual exercise of such additional financial powers.

Approval for Gundia Hydro Electric Project

1032. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of Gundia Hydro Electric Project in Hassan district of Karnataka is pending with the Central Electricity Authority for approval; and

(b) if so, the present status of the case and by when the approval to the project is likely to be accorded?